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If These Old Walls Could Talk . . .

by Paula Clinedinst

On September 3, 1961, Greenbelt's Youth Center opened its doors. Fifty years to the day later, the Youth Center "Wall of Fame" was dedicated, honoring people who had been part of its history.

Recreation Supervisor Greg Varda had the idea for a Wall of Fame for many years. "I just couldn't find the right time," says Varda, but when plans started getting underway for the 50th anniversary of the Youth Center, he figured "what better time than Labor Day Weekend?" (The Labor Day Festival started in 1955 as a way of raising funds to build the Youth Center.)

Prior to its building, teens in Greenbelt frequented the Drop-In, located then in the lower parking lot of Roosevelt Center, where the Labor Day Festival took place. The original petition to build the Youth Center declared it should be completed in time to "dedicate the new building

during the 1956 Greenbelt Annual Festival, and that all revenue over and beyond operating expenses of all such future festivals be designated and used exclusively for equipping, maintaining, and operating said Youth Center Building."

One of the Center's biggest draws was roller-skating in the gym, for which staff opened the gym on Labor Day Weekend. Says Varda, "that was an original purpose for the Center and it's the same floor kids skated on in 1961."

Nineteen of the 22 names put on the Wall this year either were present or were represented by a family member. First Director of the Youth Center, Warren



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Harry James and Hank Irving are being inducted onto the Wall of Fame.

Leddick, now 90 years old, lives in Texas and did not attend. Before the Youth Center's erection, Leddick had been Superintendent of Recreation, with an office in Roosevelt Center. He was recreation director from 1956 to 1962 and instrumental in the design phase and programmatic planning

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75 Years Ago

The Parkbelt Steel Frame Homes – Part of Greenbelt's Early History

by Stephen Oetken

*Presenting . . . America's Most Interesting HOME OFFERING by Parkbelt Homes, Incorporated
A Modern Plan For Home Ownership In the Heart of Greenbelt, Maryland.
– Newspaper Advertisement, date unknown*

Nestled on a cul-de-sac called Forestway, just outside of Roosevelt Center and across Crescent Road, is the unique collection of houses known as Parkbelt. Virtually unknown today, these 10 homes represent the only effort by the federal government to expand the Greenbelt community with the help of private enterprise.

Though 200 Parkbelt homes were planned, only 10 were built. All 10 are still standing, though heavily modified from their original appearance.

One house – #7 – has modern siding but retains the original footprint, flat roof, windows and an amazing inventory of original material and equipment. The Parkbelt houses occupy an important and unique place in early Greenbelt history.

The original part of the Greenbelt town was finished in 1937, yielding 574 attached townhomes, 306 apartments, 16 honeymoon cottages and five prefabricated wooden homes (more later.) The RA (Resettlement Administration) quickly filled all the homes and maintained a waitlist.

The government intended to build more homes – they had purchased a total of 12,000 acres for the Greenbelt project

– but for budgetary reasons they stopped at 885 units. In addition to budgetary constraints, concern was rising among the American public and Congress that the federal government had no business in the housing industry.

To alleviate this criticism, the Farm Security Administration (which took over from the RA in 1937) made plans to have a private company build additional housing at Greenbelt. The man chosen to carry out this effort

was Howard Fisher, an architect and inventor from Chicago.

First 10 Homes

Howard Fisher built the first 10 homes by securing a loan from the FHA (Federal Housing Administration) with the intention of building a total of 200 prefabricated houses, 10 at a time, three homes per acre, at a base construction cost of \$5,400. The government retained ownership of

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PHOTO COURTESY OF GREENBELT MUSEUM

A Parkbelt home receives its finishing touches. Ten of these one story, flat roof homes were built during the winter of 1937-38 at a cost of \$5,400 each.

We Again Ask Questions Of Council Candidates

The News Review is once again asking questions of candidates for election to the Greenbelt City Council. Their answers will be published in future issues of the paper before the November 8 city election.

This year we ask three questions. Answers to the questions will be published during the month of October with the first question's answers published October 13, the second question's answers published October 20 and the third question's answers October 27. Candidates are required to submit their answers to the News Review offices before 9 p.m. on the Monday preceding the question's publication date, preferably on disk or by email. Answers will be limited to 300 words. If an answer exceeds the limit, the answer will be cut off at that point.

Question 1. (Due October 10 for October 13 issue) In view of the changed economy should revisions be considered to the uses proposed for the Greenbelt Station development at

See **QUESTIONS**, page 13

Silke Pope, Konrad Herling Seek Another Council Term

Incumbents Silke Pope and Konrad Herling have joined the race for seats on the next city council. Their biographies, prepared by the candidates, appear below. The News Review has already published the biographies of Edward Putens and Leta Mach, both also incumbents.

A proud and active member of our community for 13 years, Silke Pope came to Greenbelt from Germany in 1998 with her family, initially making a home in Springhill Lake (since renamed Franklin Park). She is a mother of two adult children and a proud grandmother to Sofia, the newest addition to the Pope family.

Quickly taken with Greenbelt's welcoming spirit and rich tradition of community, Pope soon engaged with neighbors



Silke Pope

and local government, helping in 1999 to found the Springhill Lake Neighborhood Improvement Team. The group bridged gaps, sharing concerns and generating solutions among residents, complex management and the city on topics of public safety and other quality-of-life issues. This marked her initial foray into public life in Greenbelt.

She served on the city's

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What Goes On

Thursday, October 6

5 to 7:30 p.m., Annual Mental Health Screening, Giant Pharmacy, Beltway Plaza

7 p.m., Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition Meet the Candidate Forum, Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building

Friday, October 7

1 p.m., Senior Oktoberfest, Community Center Gym

Saturday, October 8

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center

Monday, October 10

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov

Monday, October 10 – Final Day to Register to Vote for 2011 Greenbelt City Council Election. Forms must arrive in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 13

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Middle School Task Force Meeting, Municipal Building

Saturday, October 15

9 a.m. to noon, Shredding Day, Parking Lot behind Roosevelt Center at 112 Centerway

2 to 6 p.m., Fall Fest, Schrom Hills Park

Letters

Picnic Sunday Y'all Come!

GHI members are encouraged to join their neighbors on Sunday, October 9 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for our annual picnic. The picnic will be held on the grounds of the GHI offices on Hamilton Place and there will be food and music. RSVPs are encouraged but not required, and last minute drop-ins are welcome!

Regular readers of the News Review know that GHI has a lot going on these days, from a change in our top management to planning for an upgrade to our homes and changes in the way real estate taxes are apportioned. We also have a lot of great people working hard to keep our community in top shape and some of those volunteers will be recognized on Sunday. Come out and join us – we'll be there rain or shine!

Tokey Boswell
President
GHI Board of Directors

A "Coming Out" Party!

Who would have ever guessed except those who have been before?

On Tuesday, September 13 I, along with four or so other people, "came out" for the first time to read poetry at the Open Mike Poetry Night here in Greenbelt. All of us bravely went up to the microphone and read either our own "homemade" or borrowed poems for the special occasion. There were at least 12 other more experienced poets plus there were those who came to listen.

A special thank you to Amethyst Dwyer who started off the night, introduced the poets, adjusted the microphone and for some of us, confidently nudged us, as though she was a mother bird helping to set her youngsters into flight for the very first time.

Other than having a respectable swarm of butterflies in my stomach before my turn, the whole evening was a total blast, having never before gone to any open mike event. The community gathering was filled with sharing from our insides; our creations, our passions, our sorrows, joys and our courage.

Many thanks to the New Deal Café, to all who read and all who listened. I plan on returning to the next Open Mike Poetry Night which will be on Tuesday, October 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. and hope that you consider joining the rest of us.

Katrina Boverman

Metro Riders' Council Seeks New Members

The Metro Riders Advisory Council is looking for riders to fill six positions on its volunteer council. Two from Prince George's County and one at-large position are available, along with two in D.C. and one in Arlington.

The group advises the Metro agency board of directors on issues affecting Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess service. For more information about the council and instructions on how to apply go to http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=5052.

Night of the Trochee Or Iambic Perhaps

by Jim Link

Sixteen poets and rhyming wannabes elicited applause, laughter, guffaws and a few wincing from a crowd of 35 or so in the back room of the New Deal Café Tuesday night, September 13.

Poetry maven Amethyst Dwyer jump-started the audience with a reading of "Pretty" by Katy McCai, who subversively refuses to let her daughter enrich the cosmetic surgery industry by participating in "the self-mutilating circus we are clowns in." Sarah read Edward Arlington Robinson's "Miniver Cheevy" as well as material by William Carlos Williams and Dorothy Parker. Richard read of men's and women's opposing views of power tools and then quoted the Epistle of James from Christian scripture. Rocky Jones confessed that although "I want all of my poems to last forever, some don't." Recalling sexual regret, Amy felt "the comfort of the clicking rosary." Pam read "Lot's Wife,"

who "quoted Molly Bloom till her breath was spent."

Then Lisa read Mary Oliver's "A Summer's Day" which asks, "and what are you going to do with your one wild and precious life?" Rob riffed on Tom Waits' lyrics: "I hear your champagne laugh." Don urged everyone to "eat your dinner at the New Deal Café, cause it welcomes saint and sinner."

Lil Dan then took over, treating us to the "Power of the Tomatoes," Katrina offered "Voices of the Forest" and John Cooper regretted "the End of Summer." Following her mother's death, Julie tenderly said, "I miss you through the prism of my self-centeredness."

Lastly Francesca read the mysterious, "A Dream Within a Dream" by Edgar Allan Poe and Marlena punctuated the evening with her witty, "Wanted."

The next similar event is to take place on Tuesday, October 18.

At the Library Adult Storytelling

Saturday, October 8, 2 p.m., "D. Crockett, the Cyclops and Me," told by former Greenbelter and Center School Librarian Bill Mayhew.

Kids Book Discussion
Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m., ages 8 to 12, "Winnie the Pooh," by A.A. Milne

Lecture
Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m., the second in a lecture series by C.R. Gibbs and Associates relating to the African Diaspora, Bold Soul Sisters: Forgotten Black Female Activists of the 19th and 20th Centuries.

Storytimes
On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, October 12, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years. Room capacity: 20 total.

Thursday, October 13, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver. Room capacity: 24 total.

Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the information desk.

Read to Rover
Saturday, October 15, 2 p.m., Children ages 6 to 11 can build reading confidence by reading for 15 minutes to specially trained therapy dogs. Registration is required.

Meet the Author
Saturday, October 15, 2 p.m., Meet author Danielle Green, who will discuss her book "Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self," a compilation of short stories.

Statewide Community Read During October

For the fourth year the Maryland Humanities Council is sponsoring the One Maryland One Book reading project. People all over the state are encouraged to read the same book, then come together to discuss the book and how it raised issues important to all.

This year's selection is "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian," by Sherman Alexie. It offers an opportunity to discuss the easily forgotten challenges in the daily lives of teenagers.

There will be a discussion group in the Greenbelt Library on Tuesday, October 18 at 7 p.m. For those who need more time, there will be discussions later in the month at other branch libraries. For details call 301-345-5800.

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Saturday
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Sunday
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Monday – Thursday
*5:15, 7:30

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Grin Belt

"You know it's the first week in October
when the stinkbugs make their way inside."

On Screen

Crash Course on the Campaign

In "The Ides of March," opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, October 7, an idealistic young staffer (Ryan Goslin) on the presidential campaign trail has to face a challenging line-up of leading and lesser characters played by George Clooney, Paul Giamatti, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Evan Rachel Wood and Marisa Tomei. Clooney directs, for the first time, and co-wrote the screenplay, based on "Farragut North," a play by Beau Willmon.

As we head into the campaign for 2012, the film – promoted by a cogent trailer – gets the Hollywood Reporter's vote as "classy and professional throughout." Rated R. Running time: 101 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

GHI Notes

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Sunday, October 9, 1 p.m. – GHI Members’ Picnic – Hamilton Place

Monday, October 10, Columbus Day. Office Closed. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, October 11, 8:30 to 10 a.m. – Yard Line Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7 p.m. – Nominations & Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, October 13, 7 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, October 14, Office Closed. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, October 17, 7 p.m. – Bylaws Committee Meeting – Lobby

7:15 p.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee – Lobby

Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee – Lobby

7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Three Dinner Theater Trips Open to All

The Greenbelt Recreation Department still has openings for three dinner theater trips, one each in October, November and December, which are open to anyone over the age of 18. There is a fee, which includes transportation, buffet lunch, show and all tips/gratuities.

Wednesday, October 26 the group will travel to Toby’s Dinner Theater in Columbia for “Chicago.”

On Wednesday, November 9 the trip is to the Dutch Apple in Lancaster, Pa., for “Me and My Girl.”

Thursday, December 15 is a holiday outing to the Rainbow Dinner Theater in Paradise, Pa., for “Home for the Holidays.”

Pre-registration is required; call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Pinochle, Anyone?

Greenbelt’s pinochle players need more people to join their group. They play for fun every Wednesday starting between noon and 12:30 p.m. in the Senior Game Room at the Community Center. All are invited to drop in or call Shirley Ann Egenreider at 301-345-1974 for more information.

Empty Bowls Is On October 15

Tickets are still available for the Saturday, October 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. Empty Bowls fundraiser. The annual event is held at Greenbelt Community Church at the corner of Hillside and Crescent Roads. All proceeds go to Help-By-Phone for the purchase of food for their eight food pantries throughout Prince George’s County.

Tickets can be obtained by calling Marsha Voigt at 301-345-7631 or visiting the pottery people in room 301 at the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Exploring the Music Of Paul Simon

On Friday, October 14 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation at the Greenbelt Community Center by Dennis Giblin on the music of Paul Simon, one of America’s greatest songwriters. Simon solo and together with Art Garfunkel has been making successful records since 1957. His career will be traced and many of his songs played.

Giblin is a retired NASA computer specialist and manager who has been buying, studying and talking about popular music about as long as Simon has been making and playing it. Giblin also enjoys doing lighting and music designs for community theater groups.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m., this time in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

What? Still Haven’t Registered to Vote?

For voting in the November 8 city council election, the deadline to register is 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 10. If time allows, print the form at www.elections.state.md.us, fill it out and mail it to the county board of elections. Forms for mailing are also available at the Greenbelt Library and the Municipal Building. Otherwise go in person to the county board: 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774, 301-430-8020.

KaBoom! Writes Up City Playgrounds

In a six-page article online, Greenbelt’s treatment of playgrounds is detailed and praised by KaBoom!, a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing play opportunities for children.

Last month KaBoom! cited Greenbelt as a Playful City USA for the fifth consecutive year. The article can be seen at http://kaboom.org/docs/documents/pdf/playmatters/Play_Matters_Greenbelt.pdf.

Computer Club Will Meet on October 13

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its October meeting on Thursday, October 13 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Topics will include ideas for a club project such as creating a website or learning the free software R for statistical computing and graphics. Everyone is welcome.

Volksmarchers Plan Walk at Schrom Hills

The Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers, a Prince George’s County Walking Club sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation, will host a fall walk in conjunction with Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Community Park on Saturday, October 15. Registration is between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Finish the walk by 4 p.m. All are welcome. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult on the trails. The walk is an official AVA sanctioned event.

Two trails will be available at 5k (3.1 mile) and 10k (6.2 mile) through Schrom Hills Park, nearby communities and on the campus of Washington Bible College. The walk is big-wheel stroller friendly but is not wheelchair accessible. Pets are permitted – obey leash laws and pet clean-up requirements.

For more information call Salva Holloman at 301-937-3549.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm
Third Saturday every month, 10am–1pm
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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GCAN Meeting Focus Is Resilience Circles

On Wednesday, October 12 the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The topic of the meeting is an introduction and overview of the Common Security Club, also known as a Resilience Circle.

Resilience Circles are small groups of 8 to 12 people who come together to increase personal security during these challenging times. Circles have three purposes – learning, mutual aid and social action. More information is available at <http://local-circles.org/what-is-a-resilience-circle/>.

A Greenbelt resilience circle met this summer for eight weeks and another, to start on October 26, already has eight members, who will be at the GCAN meeting.



The GCAN meeting is open to the public and will especially interest those who want to learn more about the resilience circle movement and possibly join a future circle. For more information contact Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

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Spaghetti Dinner

October 15 5-7 p.m.

Mowatt Methodist Church
40 Ridge Rd, Greenbelt

 \$8 Adults
 \$6 Children 5-12 years
Under 4 free

Baked Goods for Sale

Bill Mayhew Tells Stories for Adults

Many Greenbelt children enjoyed storytelling by their librarian at Center School, Bill Mayhew.

Now it’s adults’ turn to hear storytelling by former Greenbelter Mayhew. A member of “Voices in the Glen,” a storytelling guild for the Greater Washington, D.C. area, Mayhew has been telling stories for many years. His folktales and classic stories make people laugh.

Adults are invited to hear him tell “D. Crockett, the Cyclops and Me” on Saturday, October 8 at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Meals on Wheels of College Park
(serving residents of Greenbelt) is in need of volunteer packers and drivers.
Please call 301-474-1002 for more information.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
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ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of OCT 7

FRI. – SAT.
Money Ball, R (!)
11:55, 3, 6:20, 9:30
Dolphin Tale, PG (!)
11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
Lion King in 3D, G
No fees at this location
11:45, 1:50, 4, 6:15, 8:15, 10:30
Real Steel, PG-13 (!)
12:25, 3:20, 6:35, 9:30
Dream House, PG-13 (!!)
11:45, 1:50, 4, 6:10, 8:15, 10:30
Abduction, PG-13, (!!)
11:35, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:20
Killer Elite, R
11:35, 2:15, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20
50/50, R
11:45, 2:25, 5:10
What’s Your Number, R
7:40, 10:10

SUN. – THU.
Money Ball, R (!)
11:40, 4, 7
Dolphin Tale, PG (!)
11:40, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30
Lion King in 3D, G
No fees at this location
12:15, 2:45, 5:25, 7:35
Real Steel, PG-13 (!)
12:10, 4:15, 7
Dream House, PG-13 (!!)
12:15, 2:45, 5:25, 7:35
Abduction, PG-13, (!!)
11:55, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35
Killer Elite, R
11:40, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30
50/50, R
11:45, 2:50
What’s Your Number, R
5:10, 7:35



Saturday, October 8

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6905 Greenbelt RD

Cost - \$ 20 per display space
(you must provide your tables, chairs, etc).
Profits from sale will support the church's mission projects.



CONTINUING THIS WEEK AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER



Same Time, Next Year

directed by Stephen Yednock Jr.

October 7, 8, 14, 15 at 8:00
October 9 at 2:30

\$17 General
\$14 Students/Seniors

For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770**
email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org
or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Coming Soon:
Auditions: How I Learned to Drive - Sun, October 16 at 4 - 6:30pm & Monday, October 17 at 7:30
November 11 - December 3: Alice in Wonderland, directed by Betsy Marks Delaney

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 • Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

Obituaries

Greenbriar Pays Tribute to Dorothy Pyles

Dorothy Pyles, who died on June 17, 2011, was Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen in 1993 in recognition of her volunteer work. A resident of the Greenbriar Condominiums, she had been extremely active in that community and, fittingly, her neighbors paid tribute to her in a two-page remembrance in the September/October 2011 issue of the condominium’s newsletter, The Crier. Here are excerpts from that article.

from Steve Bupp

“I worked with Dorothy from the day I started managing Greenbriar in January, 1979. She was a real leader, with an attitude and a heart of gold. Never mean, always supportive, saw the good in people and spoke her mind . . .

“When she left the GCA board . . . she gave me a check for \$1,500. She told me to purchase something for the picnic area on the hill next to the pool that all residents could use. I was instructed not to tell anyone that she had donated the money. I agreed because I was still a little afraid of her yelling at me. I decided on the large oversize grill and the round, colored picnic table . . .

“Dorothy understood that Greenbriar was a part of the Greenbelt community. She, along with Mike Vaccaro, was adamant that Greenbriar contribute to the Labor Day Festival, the Miss Greenbelt Pageant, the high school, etc.”

Bupp is president of Condominium Ventures, Inc.

from Thelma Loret De Mola

“Did you know about Aunt Dorothy’s Winter Resort for Cats? After my husband, Rolando, and I retired way back, we had to get that Cuban guy out of here in the winter. . But what were we supposed to do with Missy? . . . Just mentioning it to Dorothy was all that was needed. She volunteered immediately . . . Missy . . . spent the next dozen winters loving and being loved at Aunt Dorothy’s.”

from Larry Noda

“I remember the first time I laid eyes on Dorothy Pyles . . . [at] one of my first GCA meetings . . . There was this odd collection of residents sitting around a table. One . . . stood out . . . an older woman with a rather gruff look . . . taking long slow drags of a cigarette as if she were in some Humphrey Bogart movie.

“I had the gall to question something the board was considering and caught the wrath of . . . [the] fire-breathing dragon lady. Time . . . heals all wounds and sometime later . . . we became good buddies, exchanging stories and plants for gardens and, of course, smoking cigarettes together.”

from Barbara Franks

“Dorothy was an asset to the Greenbriar community as well as the City of Greenbelt. I have many fond memories of Dorothy Pyles.”

from Terry Benedik

“Dorothy was a Democrat who took her voting responsibility seriously. One election day I saw her at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The room was hot and the lines were long and she fainted while waiting for her turn

to vote. When she came around, several of us wanted to take her home but Dorothy insisted she came here to vote and she wasn’t going anywhere until she voted. . . .

“[S]he helped host the Greenbelt East Christmas Tree lighting at Greenbriar. An important part of hosting . . . is the refreshments and Dorothy’s hot cocoa was always the greatest. It was made from scratch . . .”

from Angeline Butler

“[Dorothy] tapped me to join her in a stakeout of the swimming pool at night. There had been some trouble with teenagers entering the pool area and creating havoc. As the night wore on, she entertained me with stories of her job as an auditor with the FDIC, and what it was like to go in on a weekend to go through the books and shut down an institution in deep financial trouble – back when this still occurred.

“No unauthorized people showed up at the pool that night but I got an idea of how the regulation of the banking industry worked before regulations were abandoned. . . .”

from Barbara Smith

“Dorothy[’s] . . . involvement spilled over into everything she did, particularly her devotion to work on the Greenbriar Board. . . . So she was quite touched when the board . . . acknowledged her

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Helene Slaughter

Helene Marie De Gagne Slaughter, age 73, of Front Royal, Va., died on September 5, 2011, at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va.

She was born in Dracut, Mass., the daughter of Greenbelters Ernest and Viola Fontaine De Gagne. Mrs. Slaughter lived in Greenbelt until she was a young adult.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Leo M. Slaughter, Jr., a Greenbelt pioneer who came to Greenbelt in 1937; sons Devin Slaughter and his wife Mary Jo and Michael Slaughter and his wife Jill; daughter Patricia Atkins and her husband Ricky; several grandchildren and a great-grandson, all of Front Royal and sister-in-law and pioneer Greenbelter Joanne Slaughter Kellaher of Greenbelt.



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Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building
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Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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Oct 9, 10 a.m.

“Human Nature and the Origins of War” by PBUUC’s Quest Reading Group with Worship Associate Don Mitchell and the choir. Reflect on ideas about war.

Greenbelt Community Church

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Hillside & Crescent Roads
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Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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• Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org



Following the unusually wet weather over the past several weeks, mushrooms of every shape and color can be seen all over Greenbelt. These were captured by Marat Moore near the Community Church.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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Third Sunday family friendly worship for all ages.



O Son of Spirit!

My first counsel is this:

Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart, that thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting.
(Baha’u’llah)

Greenbelt Bahá’í Community

1-800-22-UNITE

301-345-2918

Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com

www.bahai.us



Welcome!



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

Sunday

11:00 am

Worship Service

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

“Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service”

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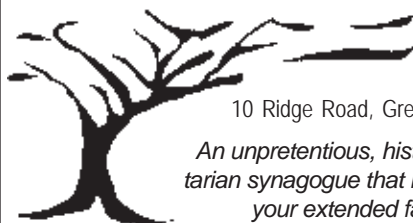
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Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.



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An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 2011 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations
Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
Minutes of Council Meetings
Administrative Reports
Council Reports
Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1084, a Resolution to Purchase Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars - 2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1052 and to Provide for the Number of Judges and Clerks of Election, Their Rate of Compensation, and the Rate of Compensation to be Paid to the Chairperson and Members of the Board of Elections for the 2011 Regular Election - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Farmer’s Market – Wine Sales
- Consolidated Transportation Plan
- 2011 Community Questionnaire
- County Legislation
- Snow Removal – Sidewalk Priority Map
- Other Reports
* - Proposed Elimination of Metrobus Route
* - Appointment to Advisory Group
* - Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)
Congratulations to Sophie, Stella, Shadow and Chase on their adoptions! Much happiness in their new homes!

COME OUT AND VISIT ALL THE ADORABLE PETS.

Micky is a gorgeous 7 y.o. girl whose owner sadly passed away. She is very friendly and loves to nap on her perch.

THE SHELTER IS NOW UP TO CAPACITY WITH KITTENS AND CATS THAT NEED HOMES. PLEASE COME OUT TO SEE THEM AND MAYBE EVEN SHARE YOUR HOME!

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.
INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time!
We especially need kitty litter!
Follow us on Facebook!

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL ACCESS

Week of October 10-14
Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Programming will be repeated Monday-Saturday. Monday evening programming will be preempted to show the City Council Meeting live at 8pm.

9:00am & 4:00pm: Labor Day Johnny Seaton!
10:30am & 5:30pm: Ask the Expert-Reverse Mortgages
11:30am & 6:30pm: Understanding Medicare #1
12:30am & 7:30pm: Candidate’s Forum sponsored by Greenbriar
9:00pm Replay of Council Meeting

Programming will also be uploaded to the city’s on-demand library at www.greenbeltmd.gov/administration/Municipal_Access.html. For questions or information on Greenbelt Municipal Access, please contact bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov.

Take advantage of absentee and early voting! See information in this issue!



It's Time To Step To The October
Mad Hot Ballroom Dance Party!
Saturday, October 15
at the Greenbelt Community Center Gymnasium
15 Crescent Road
7:00pm - 8:00pm: Dance lesson in the featured dance of the month. (This month: Single Swing.)
8:00pm - 9:30pm: Dance the night away to the best social, ballroom, Latin and club music.
DJ and Mad Hot Ballroom dance instructor Frank Solomon will teach line dances during breaks.

Attire: Dress up, formal, or nice casual. No shorts, jeans, T-shirts or sneakers. If you have them, please wear ballroom dance shoes to help preserve the floor.

Cost: \$10 per person. Pay at the door.
For more information, call Frank Solomon at 301-439-0723.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Having trouble with your child?

Join us to learn new ways to help your child. Groups meet on Tuesdays from 5-6pm at Springhill Lake Elementary for 12 weeks. Beginning October 11th.

You and your family will learn:
Parenting techniques that work
Ways to improve your child's behavior
Better family communication

Presented by Greenbelt CARES. If you are interested in participating, contact Ms. Mendoza at 301-513-5996

SHREDDING DAY!

Saturday, October 15
9 AM – 12 NOON

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Roosevelt Center at 112 Centerway

Only 5 boxes per person
Personal records only (no business)

For more information, call the Public Works Office at 240-542-2153



CITY OF GREENBELT
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
Business Office: 301.397.2200
www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation

FallFest

Saturday, October 15th
2:00pm-6:00pm
Schrom Hills Park
6915 Hanover Parkway

FANTASTIC FOOD:

AFFORDABLE PRICES!
Profits Benefit Community Groups
BURGERS & HOT DOGS,
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CANDY APPLES & MORE!

FOR EVENT INFORMATION:
301.397.2200

WEATHER INFORMATION HOTLINE:
301.474.0646

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- BINGO for KIDS
- KIDCARE IDs- Greenbelt Police Department
- MOONBOUNCES & INFLATABLES
- HAYRIDES
- TEMPORARY TATTOOS
- VARIOUS INFORMATION TABLES
- GREENBELT VOLKSMARCH*

*Contact 301.937.3549 for more information About Volksmarcher Events



Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department at FallFest!
Watch a Fire Prevention Demonstration, Crawl on the Fire Truck, and MORE!



VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies:
Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee
For information call 301-474-8000.

Meetings October 10-15

Monday, October 10 at 8 p.m., **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Thursday, October 13 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL TASK FORCE, at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, October 8, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPT. Vegetarian Cuisine

The air is getting crisp... why not make a nice cup of butternut squash soup or a home made veggie burger? All supplies and food included in the fee.

Wednesdays 7-9pm,
10/26-11/16
Greenbelt Community Center
Residents: \$50 Non-residents \$62.50
Call 301-397-2208 for more information

Chicago, Me and My Girl, and Home for the Holidays

The Greenbelt Recreation Department still has openings for the following Dinner Theater shows: Chicago at Toby’s Columbia (October 26), Me and My Girl at the Dutch Apple in Lancaster, PA (November 9) and Home for the Holidays at the Rainbow Dinner Theater in Paradise, PA (December 15). Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join us. There is a cost for each trip and it covers transportation, buffet lunch, show and all tips/gratuities. Pre-registration is required. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.



For city information, news and events, visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Visit and “Like” the City of Greenbelt on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt.

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for the Center.

Staff Honored

Present at the dedication and inducted into the group were former Recreation Department Directors Hank Irving, Darald Lofgren and Ritch Stevenson. Most of today’s young Greenbelters will know Irving who became director in 1974 and only recently retired. Irving led the department in taking on a massive recreation and parks campaign, including renovation of the outdoor swimming pool and construction of the indoor pool and fitness center, the building of Schrom Hills park and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the renovation of the former Greenbelt Center Elementary School into the Greenbelt Community Center and construction of the skateboard park.

Says Varda, “These are only a few of his accomplishments. While he was director, Hank took a small municipal recreation department to heights that no other municipality has seen before.” Irving’s wife, Maureen, and daughters Kelly and Christy were present at the dedication.

Lofgren was director from 1966 to 1973 and during his tenure the addition to the Youth Center, now constituting the multi-purpose room, office space, pre-school classes and storage space were added. Stevenson, director from 1962-1966, retired from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), where he served as an associate director for the Department of Parks and Recreation for Prince George’s County.

Harry James spent 29 of his 31 years in the field of parks and recreation with the City of Greenbelt. A great resource for all things parks and recreation, James was the American Softball Association Commissioner for 28 years, a member of the Maryland Municipal League for 20 years and the United States Specialty Sports Association Area Director for 18 years. James’ wife, Kathy (nee Fern), was Miss Greenbelt Teen Club in 1961 and was present at the Youth Center’s opening.

Women’s Sports

Many credit JoAnn Rowe for coordinating a robust women’s sport league including basketball, softball and flag football. She was one of the first counselors for Camp Pine Tree, still a successful summer camp for kids.

Rowe is in the American Softball Association Umpire Hall of Fame and now works as an assistant director at Royal West Palm Beach City Recreation. Rowe’s father, Joseph O’Loughlin, a member of the original dedication committee, was present for his daughter’s induction.

Inductee Betty Lehman was office manager for 33 years beginning in 1962 and has worked for every director to date, including current director, Julie McHale. (Although McHale became director only recently upon Irving’s retirement, she has been employed by the Recreation Department for more than 20 years and was a Center leader during Lehman’s tenure.)

As Irving states, “for all intents and purposes she was the backbone of the Youth Center. You didn’t get to see a director without going through Betty first.” Lehman played a big role

in getting bands to play at Youth Center dances. Today Lehman serves as a docent at the Greenbelt Museum.

Coaches Honored

In addition to directors, coaches, athletes and full- and part-time staff were honored at the Wall dedication. Some people fell into more than one category, like Terry “Coach” Mangum. He was 13 when the Center opened but before that time he checked out basketballs for the day or weekends from the department’s office in Roosevelt Center.

Mangum began working at the Youth Center around 1974, where his love for games and sports quickly made him a legend. He was a great basketball player, excelling at football and softball as well. Soon he became known as “Coach” for his successful coaching positions. Mangum also worked as a Center leader and was scorekeeper for basketball games and men’s softball leagues and tournaments.

Says Varda, “I think it’s safe to say that, no matter the sport, no matter the skill, Terry enjoyed it and thrived to compete.”

Among those honored as coaches was Mike Gielen, Sr. “If you wanted to learn how to play basketball the right way this is the person you wanted coaching you,” says Varda. “It was common to see Mr. Gielen in the gym on a Saturday afternoon drilling with young children, teenagers or college players.” Gielen also coached youth football and basketball teams with the Boys and Girls Club.

Larry Noel, Sr., who died in 1999, was honored as a coach and inducted for bringing running to Greenbelt. Noel organized many races over the years, including the 15K race each Labor Day weekend, which today is named for him.

The Labor Day race turned 50 in 2008 and, after a two-year hiatus, returned to Greenbelt in 2011. Noel coached track at St. Hugh’s school and served for a number of years on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. He was represented at the ceremony by his children; his son, Tom, accepted the award on his father’s behalf.

Athletes Honored

Among the many athletes inducted this year was Lisa Kellaher-Doolan, born and raised in Greenbelt, who played basketball at Catholic University. Kellaher-Doolan’s basketball days began at the Youth Center and helped carry her to become an NCAA Division III All-American in 1986, the leading scorer in women’s basketball history at Catholic and record-holder for the most free throws made in a game at 18. Kellaher-Doolan holds the all-time field goal record per season at 242 and was selected by the Washington diocese Catholic Youth organization as College Player of the Year in 1986.

Another athlete, Mike Gielen, according to Varda, “was the star of youth basketball in the early 80s and was instrumental in winning multiple county championships for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.” Gielen went on to play under Morgan Wooten at DeMatha High School, where he was point guard on their 1983-1984 national championship team. Later he attended Harvard University, becoming captain of their basketball team.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Positioned in front of the Memory Wall are – first row: Mike Gielen, Sr., Kim DeAngelis, Terry Mangum, Tom Noel, Karen Smith; second row: Harry James, Betty Lehman, Hank Irving, Ritch Stevenson; third row: Woody Whitlock, JoAnn Rowe, Mike Gielen, Jr., Lisa Kellaher-Doolan, Alan Burt, Lance Beasley, Stan Swetnam and Darald Lofgren.

Jerrod Mustaf was also inducted based on his basketball start and frequent presence at the Youth Center. Mustaf played basketball at DeMatha High School and was one of the most heavily recruited players in his senior year. A three-time Parade Magazine All-American and McDonald’s High School All-American player, Mustaf played collegiately at the University of Maryland.

He was selected in the first round of the 1990 NBA draft by the New York Knicks, playing for the Knicks and then the Phoenix Suns through 1994. He finished his career playing in Europe before retiring in 2001.

Basketball Player

Born, raised and still living in Greenbelt with his wife and two sons, athlete Alan Burt played basketball at the Youth Center the day the gym opened and plays there to this day. Burt remembers sitting on the hill in front of the Center, watching it be built. “He has probably made more baskets in this gym than any other person,” says Varda, “and he was a great athlete not only in basketball but also in baseball, softball and football.”

“I’m not sure when Stan Swetnam started to frequent the Youth Center but somehow you always knew he was in the building,” says Varda. Swetnam led the men’s basketball league in scoring for many years and scored more than 50 points in one game. He was also the best regular table tennis player the Youth Center has ever seen. He played basketball and baseball at the University of Maryland and was on the 1974 basketball team that went to the finals in the ACC tournament.

Greenbelter Mike O’Driscoll was honored for his talent in basketball that started at the Youth Center. Like Gielen and Mustaf, O’Driscoll played basketball at DeMatha. He was on the 1978 undefeated National Championship team and was part of an undefeated run for DeMatha that totaled 58 wins. O’Driscoll graduated from DeMatha and played basketball at Wofford College.

Rounding out the athletes honored was Steve Davis, cur-

rent director of the Queen Anne’s County Parks and Recreation Department. Davis has more than 25 years of service with M-NCPPC in Prince Georges’ County. Davis was the primary force behind getting the Youth Center weight room.

Part-time Staffers Honored

Part-time staffers honored were Kim DeAngelis, Steve “Kiko” Gingell, James “Woody” Whitlock and Jim Beasley. Many in Greenbelt know DeAngelis as one of the Animal Control officers but may not know she has logged more hours on the part-time clock than any other Center employee. A lifelong Greenbelt resident, DeAngelis began working at the Youth Center in 1984. “No other center leader could run this facility like she did,” says Varda. “She was the first person that was called upon when someone was in a bind. She would, without hesitation, be there when you needed her.”

Steve “Kiko” Gingell, who died in 1999, was represented by his sister, Karen Smith. Gingell hung out at the Youth Center as a child and loved sports. He played in countless softball and floor hockey games and was a Center leader for 10 years. Gingell ran many leagues and tournaments while working there and “was Harry James’ right-hand man for many years,” says Varda. “Kiko was reliable and always diplomatic and for that reason, his friends dubbed him “The Governor of Greenbelt.”

James “Woody” Whitlock grew up in Greenbelt and played many pick-up basketball games in the Youth Center gym. He began working at the Center in 2001 and still works some week nights. “God knows he doesn’t do it for the money,” says Varda candidly, “but he does it so he can make a difference and possibly help a kid out.” Whitlock is a role model to many children and teens who spend time at the Youth Center.

Jim Beasley, who died several years ago, was represented at the dedication by his three sons, Lance, Justin and Cody and their families. Beasley began working as a Center leader in 2000 after retirement. He loved to talk to anyone about sports, especially softball, and if

any of his sons had a basketball game, Beasley was right there watching. In 2000 Beasley was inducted into the Washington Metropolitan Slow Pitch Softball Hall of Fame. Varda, who has played many softball games with Beasley, says “he was one of the best hitters I have ever witnessed and he was in his 50s.” Beasley died doing what he loved best, which was playing softball. He suffered a heart attack right after batting practice and having seven home runs out of 10 pitches.

50 Years of Memories

A photo montage, put together by Kayode Lewis, a current Recreation Department employee, was on display throughout Labor Day Weekend. The montage spanned 50 years of the Youth Center. In addition to photographs, included a copy of the original petition to build the Center. “We uncovered a whole new project – organizing and scanning all of the photos and documents,” says Lewis. All originals will be sent to the Greenbelt Museum.

What began as Varda’s idea blossomed into many conversations with some of the folks who make up Youth Center history. In impromptu and candid conversations, Varda came up with a list of about 50 people, which was then whittled down to the 22 inaugural honorees.

“This is just the beginning,” says Varda. “More names will go up on the wall.” The plan is for this year’s inductees to vote on the next group and, in addition, to the categories of staff, athletes, and coaches, Varda would like to add volunteers to the mix.

In the original petition to the mayor and city council from the advisory board of the Greenbelt Youth Center and the many citizens of Greenbelt it states “. . . whereas, the youth of today will be the citizens of tomorrow. . . .”

Item number 8 on the petition could not be more clear: “That the erection of a Youth Center Building will accomplish, in large measure, that which our churches accomplished in increasing their membership and workers by providing the structure.” Long before “Field of Dreams” and Kevin Costner, Greenbelt knew that if you build it, they will come.

Rapidan Co-op Camps Hold Work Weekend

by Tom Jones

Rapidan Camps is Greenbelt’s seventh cooperative – incorporated here since 1953 but owning five historic cabins in Virginia’s Shenandoah Mountains as a relaxing rustic retreat. From October 14 to 16, as part of National Co-op Month, Rapidan will host its Work Weekend. Volunteers are welcome to explore the camp, maintain and repair the historic cabins and grounds and share

meals and camaraderie with camp members and friends. Volunteers are welcome for all or part of the weekend and may stay overnight Friday or Saturday on a space-available basis. For more information visit the website www.RapidanCamps.org or contact Tom Jones at 301-474-6001. *Tom Jones is president of Rapidan Camps.*



One of the five rustic cabins at Rapidan Camps.

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community service by naming Greenbriar’s pool pavilion in her honor while she could celebrate the event with her family and friends. . . .”

from Gary Thomas

“When my daughter was in orchestra at Eleanor Roosevelt, we helped support the music program by buying oranges and grapefruit. Dorothy . . . bought fruit regularly even though I’m pretty sure she gave most of it to others in her building. When I delivered the fruit, she would invite me in, put on a pot of coffee and we’d swap [well I mostly listened] stories. Sometimes I was there so long, I’d get a call from home checking to see if I had been kidnapped. . . .”

“She had a police scanner and always knew everything that happened in Phase III. I’m still

hearing new stories as a one-woman mobile watch committee and how she stared down potential criminals and put them on the path of repentance. . . .”

from James Craze

“The first time I remember seeing . . . [Dorothy Pyles] was late one night on patrol, . . . like 4 a.m. . . . I saw this little old lady walking her dog, soon to be introduced to me as Rufus. . . . Obviously I thought she was nuts and gently told her so. That’s when I was educated as to the tenacity and backbone Dorothy had. After speaking with her for just a little while, I never worried about her safety. That ‘old lady’ could take care of herself.”

James Craze, then a patrol officer, is now Greenbelt Chief of Police.

City Notes

Animal Control staff took two dogs into custody and responded to four wildlife calls. One dog was adopted.

Public Works

The horticulture crew received two Prince George’s County Beautification Awards for the Aquatic & Fitness Center and Roosevelt Center underpass landscaping.

There were 20.96 tons of refuse and 16.31 tons of commingled recyclable material collected last week. Staff attended a webinar on Buying Recycled and Environmentally Preferable Products offered by Sustainable Maryland Certified.

Recreation Department

The Braden Field tennis court renovation and relighting project has begun. Courts 1 through 4 will be closed until further notice while work is underway. Courts 5 through 8 will be closed in the near future; call 301-397-2200 for updates.

Fall Fest

The annual Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park will be held Saturday, October 15 from 2 to 6 p.m.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Friday, October 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Place,
Silver Spring

Saturday, October 8, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive,
Bowie

Wednesday, October 12, 1:30 to 8 p.m.,
Montgomery Chapter House, 2020 East-West Highway,
Silver Spring

Thursday, October 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Prince George’s Co. Assn. of Realtors, 9200 Basil Court,
Largo

Friday, October 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
American Nurses Association, 8515 Georgia Avenue, #400,
Silver Spring

Tuesday, November 8, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Road,
Hyattsville

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Christmas: The Real Story
Most of us think we have a clear idea of the Christmas story. But do we?
How much of our knowledge of what happened at the first Christmas is biblical and how much is based upon assumptions?
The Bible tells a very adult story of Jesus’ birth.

If you would like to learn what the Bible says about Christmas, you are invited to attend a free study beginning this Sunday evening, October 9th .

What: Christmas: The Real Story
Where: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt RD, Greenbelt.
When: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
For more information, please call 301-345-5111.

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NEWS IN REVIEW

October is Co-op Month!

October 6, 2011



GHI participated with other Greenbelt co-operatives in the National Co-op Month booth at the Farmers Market on October 2. Seven co-ops now are active in the city. Among the GHI members on hand were, from left: Patricia Novinski, Kathy Jones, Ginny Jones, Sylvia Lewis, Johanna Jones and Tom Jones.

Graffiti Woes in Old Greenbelt Your Help is Needed

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and the City of Greenbelt seek assistance from community members to help identify the individual or groups that have been increasingly vandalizing public and private property in the City Center. The moniker “Big Tom” and other statements have regularly been seen on buildings, signs, sidewalks, and other surfaces. The graffiti is most prevalent in the areas from 18 to 32 Court on Ridge Road, but it has also

appeared near the Roosevelt Center and along Gardenway. If anyone observes the vandal in the act, please contact the Greenbelt Police at 301-474-7200. Please also report instances of graffiti or other information as soon as possible to the GHI Maintenance Department at 301-474-6011. Remember, graffiti investigations and removal cost GHI members and Greenbelt taxpayers money!

Real Estate Tax Seminar

At the Real Estate Tax Seminar on September 15, William Monks, GHI’s tax attorney, addressed the changes facing members in 2012. For the first time members’ real estate tax will be based primarily on their home’s individual invoice. Most GHI members will still have the benefit of the Home Owners Tax Credit and will be invoiced significantly below the assessed value of their homes.

GHI members who have sold or subleased their homes since June 30, 2010 have probably lost their Homestead Tax Credit. Such members may well profit from appealing their assessment.

Members can get information from the seminar, including links to find your account number, your current assessment, and appeal forms from the GHI website at www.ghi.coop. This information is also available in printed form in the lobby of the GHI administrative building.

The deadline to appeal your assessment is January 3, 2012, but please do not wait until the last day. For questions regarding GHI real estate taxes and your assessment, e-mail Kathie Linkenhoker at linkenhoker@greenbelthomes.net or call 301-474-4161.

Hurricane Clean-up, Repairs Nearly Complete

Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms caused significant damage to homes and yards. GHI has been working diligently to repair damage to homes, clear debris from yards and common areas, and respond to flooding-related issues. Tree damage was reported at more than 200 sites around town – most notable were three large trees that fell on GHI units. All major tree hazards have been addressed, but considerable work remains and member patience is appreciated.

All GHI units damaged by the storms are habitable. Repairs to electrical equipment and roofs at 20 Court Hillside, and

electrical repairs at 46 Court Ridge have been completed. Interior repairs at 20 Hillside and one unit at 46 Ridge are also complete. Some minor interior and exterior repairs remain in those courts. Staff continues to work on resolving drainage and ponding issues at dozens of sites following torrential rains, with priority given to the most severe problems. Members can minimize drainage problems by clearing debris and obstructions from yard drains and swales. If you have questions or concerns, contact the GHI Maintenance Department at maintaa@ghi.coop, or 301-474-6011.

Greenbelt has always been a town of co-ops. Some of the original enterprises—the grocery store, drug store, gas station, barber shop, movie theater, valet shop, beauty parlor, variety store, and tobacco shop –didn’t survive as co-ops. But others did, and over the years more were added. Greenbelt now enjoys the services of: the Greenbelt News Review and Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, both established in 1937; Greenbelt Nursery School, 1941; Greenbelt Homes, Inc., 1952; Rapidan Camps, Inc. 1953; Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy, 1984; and the New Deal Café, 1995. Read more about the co-operative movement and Greenbelt co-ops in the *Greenbelt News Review* throughout October. For more information on Greenbelt’s history visit the Greenbelt Museum or go to www.greenbeltmd.gov/about_greenbelt/history.

Working Toward a Smooth Transition

Consulting firm, Transition Guides, is assisting the GHI Board of Directors and staff with organizational assessment, goal setting, and other activities as we prepare for the upcoming change in the General Manager position. Gretchen Overdurff, (retiring GM) is preparing the transfer

of manuals, procedures, and documents to Eldon Ralph (incoming GM), which will be followed by the physical office exchange in November. The Board of Directors will meet in December to finalize 2012 goals. Eldon will officially assume the General Manager position on December 12.



Save the Dates

Sunday, December 11, An afternoon Retirement Reception for Gretchen, Greenbelt Marriott (\$20)

Thursday, December 29, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Open House to bid farewell to Gretchen and welcome Eldon Ralph as new General Manager.

GHI Members Picnic

Reminder: Sunday, October 9, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the GHI building on Hamilton Place. Rain or Shine. Remember to bring your donation of non-perishable items for a local food pantry.

Health Fair

The City of Greenbelt, GHI, and Doctor’s Community Hospital collaborate on a Health Fair each year. This year’s fair, with the theme “Fall into Fitness,” is on October 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now to enjoy many vendors, activities, and to even win door prizes.

Greenbelt City Council Candidates’ Forum

GHI will be sponsoring a Candidates Forum on Thursday, October 25, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building. The Forum will be televised and shown on the Greenbelt Municipal Access cable channels, Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Leaf Bag Distribution

Leaf bags are now available at the GHI warehouse between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and alternating Fridays when the offices are open.

Leaf bags will also be available between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Oct. 22nd, Nov. 5th, and Nov. 19th, at garage #42, in 2 Court Gardenway.

GHI Committee Notes

The Bylaws Committee will reconvene on Monday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. Members are welcome to attend.

GHI Fall Maintenance Schedule

Oct: Addition Roof Repairs
Oct – Nov: Parkway Garage Door Replacement
Nov-Dec: Gutter Cleaning
Nov-Dec: Concrete Repairs

Pre-Purchase Orientation: Know someone who is interested in living in GHI? Be sure to tell them of the upcoming Pre-Purchase Orientation on Monday, October 17 at 7:15 p.m. at the GHI Administration Building on Hamilton Place. (There is no obligation to buy). To check out homes for sale go to www.ghi.coop and click on “Join Our Community”.



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Journey to the Ancient World through a Walk in the Woods

Join the GHI Woodlands Committee on Saturday, October 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a fun walk in the woods and a journey back into the ancient world in the GHI woodlands and Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Enjoy stories, games and ancient lore on wild edibles and medicinal plants to survive for months in the wilderness with nothing but your wits. A great time for parents and kids. Bring water and a snack. Meet at Northway fields by the mulch piles.

WHAT’S HAPPENING!

OCTOBER

Thu	6	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Sun	9	1p.m.-3:30p.m.	Member Picnic
Mon	10	- -	OFFICES CLOSED (Columbus Day)
Tue	11	8:30 a.m.	Yard Line Committee
Tue	11	7:00 p.m.	N & E Committee
Wed	12	7:30 p.m.	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	13	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Fri	14	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	17	7:00 p.m.	Bylaws Committee
Mon	17	7:15 p.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	18	7:30 p.m.	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	19	7:00 p.m.	Woodlands Committee
Thu	20	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Sat	22	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Leaf Bags @ garage # 42, 2 Ct.Gdnwy.
Mon	24	7:00 p.m.	Communicator Task Force
Tue	25	7-9:30 p.m.	City Council Candidates Forum
Wed	26	7:00 p.m.	Buildings Committee
Thu	27	10a.m.-2p.m.	Health Fair @ Community Center
Fri	28	--	OFFICES CLOSED

NOVEMBER

Tue	1	8:30 p.m.	Yard Line Committee
Thu	3	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Sat	5	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Leaf Bags @ garage # 42, 2 Ct.Gdnwy.
Mon	7	7:15 p.m.	Pre Purchase Orientation
Wed	9	7:30 p.m.	Architectural Review Committee
Fri	11	- -	OFFICES CLOSED

(Dates are subject to change)

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		Fresh Leafy Romaine Lettuce	99¢ lb.
		Sweet Ripe Seedless Grapes Red/White	\$ 1⁹⁹ lb.
		Extra Large Green Peppers	\$ 1⁶⁹ lb.

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Purex Liquid Laundry Detergent 60-72 oz.	\$ 3⁹⁹	Quaker Instant Oatmeal Assorted 10-16 oz.	\$ 2⁵⁰	Star Kist Chunk Light Tuna 5 oz.	\$ 1⁰⁰
		Maxwell House Original Instant Coffee 8 oz.	\$ 5⁹⁹	Chef Boy Ar Dee Pasta with Meat Assorted 14.7-15 oz.	\$ 1⁰⁰
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Handgun Arrest

September 23, 6:21 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Drug Arrests

September 23, 12:24 a.m., Springhill Court at Edmonston Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute drugs, possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

September 27, 12:23 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and trespassing on private property. The man was released on citations pending trial.

Vandalism

September 22, 2:19 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a window was broken.

September 23, 1:08 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a glass door was broken.

September 27, 4:07 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a window was broken.

Burglary

September 28, 5 p.m., 2 Court Eastway, a chair and potting soil were reported taken from the yard.

September 23, 2:15 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, nothing was reported taken.

September 23, 7:15 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, it was reported that a bicycle was taken from a patio.

September 25, 9:28 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, electronics were reported taken.

September 27, 4:41 p.m., 7200 block Mandan Road, electronics were reported taken.

September 28, 11:22 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, electronics were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

One vehicle and one tag were recovered by Metropolitan and County police, respectively. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 7900 block Mandan Road (tag expiration sticker) and in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway (wallet). An attempted theft was reported in the 6200 block Springhill Drive.

Vandalism occurred in the 6800 block Megan Lane (broken window), in the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (damaged vehicle) and at Greenway Center (broken truck window).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

Gas Appliance Alert Issued by WSSC

People who purchased a gas water heater or other gas appliance in 2010 or 2011 may need to check to see if their appliances were inspected properly after installation. An initial investigation in Montgomery County based on consumer complaints revealed that two thirds of the gas appliances sold during that time by four of the large chain stores were not inspected after installation. WSSC asked for the same information in Prince George's County and found similar results.

Improper installation can cause a dangerous buildup of carbon monoxide gas, lead to fires or an explosion. Prince George's County requires appliances to be installed only by WSSC-licensed plumbers/gas fitters, who must first obtain WSSC permits and then schedule a WSSC inspection of the installation within five business days. These appliances include water heaters, gas dryers, gas heating systems and gas stoves. When consumers buy installation services, the store charges them for the required permit and inspection. County officials have vowed to address the problem.

To learn more, read the frequently asked questions (FAQs) on www.wssc.com and click on the latest press release (2011-10-4).

MVA Offers New Online Tutorial

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has announced that a new online driver test tutorial, the 2011 Maryland Driver Challenge, is now available at the MVA website at www.mva.maryland.gov. In addition, a mobile application test is available for iPhone/iPad users.

The purpose of the Challenge is to increase awareness about driver safety, educate Maryland families about the rules of the road and dangers of risky driving behaviors and prepare new drivers as they get behind the wheel. It is designed to encourage parents and teens to test their knowledge of the rules of the road.

The new driver test tutorial is more focused on behaviors that can affect safe operation of a motor vehicle, including testing and sharing the road. It can be used by anybody at any time to help them stay sharp and up-to-date on driver safety knowledge.

Botanic Lecture Boosts Bulbs

"Bulbs as Companion Plants" is the topic of a free lecture at the U.S. Botanic Garden on Monday, October 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. by Brent Heath, co-owner of Brent and Becky's Bulbs.

Pre-registration is required. Visit www.usbg.gov to register.

Yes, That Was Rosa!

by Marilynne Dos Reis



Rosa Salazar

If you happened to tune in "Law and Order L.A." a few months ago and thought you saw our hometown girl, Rosa Salazar, as "Yolanda," the gang-banger's girlfriend, you were right!

A Boxwood resident from 1998 through 2005, Rosa attended Greenbelt Middle School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Prince George's Community College while living in Prince George's County. She was a French Immersion student, then a very active drama and Improv participant at ERHS and a drama student at PGCC.

Later she moved to the Big Apple for three years. During this time, she was accompanied by her muse, Gigi, a boxer/pit mix, harlequin black and white, rescued by Rosa. Gigi and Rosa are inseparable.

During her years in Brooklyn, Rosa was a student at HB Studios (Uta Hagen) and at Upright Citizens Brigade, learning method acting, then improvisation and performing. Rosa went on to create and perform improv at various locations in Brooklyn. Those were tough years of formation for the actress who always worked at some job related with the food trade, including also a long stint as a bicycle delivery girl enduring rain, snow, cold and all challenging weather situations.

Last year (2010) Rosa auditioned and was chosen to be the representative for the (Microsoft) KIN phone. She was sent on the KIN Journey to many U.S. locations to interview people she had encountered via social networking. You have probably seen the interviews on Facebook or YouTube.

One of the several locations was Greenbelt, where she interviewed (who else?) her Mom at home and then proceeded to interview students in College Park at the Bagel Place and on the UM campus. The KIN clips were placed as previews in movie theaters. Later, Greenbelt folks we knew had seen Rosa and me in those previews, so when I walked into the Co-op employees like Rob stared and then remarked, "Hey! I saw you guys in the movies!" It was so cool.

When the time came to get really serious about acting, Rosa was able to pony up the steep fee to join the Screen Actors Guild, without which membership her job possibilities in the field would be severely curtailed. Her management then suggested that her options would open up if she changed coasts and the decision was made to move to Los Angeles. That's where auditions for film and TV jobs would be. So, independent Rosa rented a truck, packed up selected belongings, gave away and sold the rest and sadly left Brooklyn which had been her cherished home during the first years of her acting foundation and headed first for (you guessed it) Greenbelt to see Mom and Dad and temporarily store some of her things. Rosa got on the plane for Los Angeles with one suitcase and a backpack. Her chutzpah took her to a new life full of opportunity and challenge. The gamble has so far paid off.

Meanwhile, the move was made even more attractive by the fact that she had met her wonderful significant other who, as a producer, travelled intercontinentally but lived at the time in San Francisco. While his family originates in Miami, he also has family in San

Rosa's appearance on "Parenthood" on September 13 (NBC, 10 p.m., Tuesdays) as Zoe, the pregnant latte cart girl. Rosa will continue to portray Zoe for as many as nine more episodes! Tune in and watch your hometown girl display her acting chops.

One more thing, this success did not come easily for Rosa, as it does not come easily for most actors. Previous to her fortunate hookup with great management, Rosa struggled for several years, working at jobs that were unrelated to her craft, just to survive. The actor's life is not only physically challenging in many ways but also an actor at any level must be psychologically prepared for the roller coaster ride of acceptance and rejection, a multiplicity of auditions, a few callbacks and, maybe after years of struggle, a role like that of "Yolanda" in "Law and Order L.A." which got Rosa noticed and opened the doors for her to other offers, such as the one she received from the producers of "Glee"! Her management encouraged her to decline "Glee" and opt for more episodes of "Parenthood," which turns out to be a great decision because Rosa stands out in a cast of tall Anglo adults while she at 5'3" plays the part of a sassy young lady providing diversity, both ethnic and cultural, to the show.

Rosa has made her family and herself most proud based on the series of calculated and fortunate steps she has taken to become an actor. We hope you will follow this homegirl's career and that you will tune in to "Parenthood" every Tuesday on NBC at 10 p.m. Additionally, Rosa has made numerous appearances on the hilarious internet program "College Humor" (secret language) and she continues to create and videotape her characters, such as Mortie Munch and Jorge G.G. (Hey Hey!) Gómez. Rosa can make you laugh until your sides split and your eyes tear. She will be putting Hey Hey Gómez on his own website and he guarantees to deliver belly laughs with his observations on life. More to come on the website. Also catch Rosa's blog - "The Sargasm."

Thanks for your encouragement and support of Rosa Bianca Salazar, your former neighbor in Greenbelt, a star on the rise!

Lastner Lane resident Marilynne Dos Reis is Rosa Salazar's (can you guess) proud mother.

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First Public Safety Fair Held Sept. 17; McGruff and “Rescue” Visit

by Sue Krofchik

Greenbelt’s first Public Safety Expo was held the morning of September 17 outdoors amid raindrops and temperatures in the 50-to-60 degree range.

It showcased the many public safety groups available to serve Greenbelters and the various categories of safety needs: personal, child, traffic and fire. Other groups deal with disaster preparedness and response, neighborhood watch and resources to help those affected by fire and crime, both violent and involving property.

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union featured ID theft and announced that their next shredding day will be on Saturday, October 15 from 9 to noon. Neighborhood Watch groups described being the eyes and ears of the community by reporting suspicious persons and activities to the police. Child safety seats were installed by a trained and certified expert (Robert Wilttrout) associated with the Greenbelt Police Department.

Greenbelt Animal Control focused on safely co-existing with wildlife, preventing conflict with critters and the rationale for not trapping or relocating them.

The Greenbelt Police Department arranged for the nationally known crime-fighting dog McGruff to be in attendance. Another feature was “Rescue,” a behemoth vehicle with tires nearing five feet in height, capable of driving through high water and over difficult terrain. It is used for rescue operations and is available for possible SWAT team purposes.

Made of steel, it looks like a tank, complete with a turret opening. Windows are mere slits a few inches high and about eight inches wide. The driver must stand, lean over and move as needed in order to see the terrain ahead through the slits. When necessary, a second person stands in the opened turret hole to get an unobstructed view and to call out descriptions of what is ahead and how to maneuver over, around or through it. This is the same vehicle driven south on I-95 to New Orleans by Greenbelt Police to rescue Hurricane Katrina survivors.

People of all ages gravitated to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad display to see one of Company 35’s fire trucks. Lucky children got to climb aboard and turn on the siren.

Other invited organizations included Greenbelt CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), Greenbelt CARES, Greenbelt Code Enforcement, US Park Police, Code, MD National Guard and American Legion Post #136.

The Safety Expo was sponsored by the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee, members of which hope to make this an annual event.

Botanic Garden Welcomes Kids

The U.S. Botanic Garden repeats its September pre-school children’s program “Sprouts” every Wednesday in October from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conservatory Classroom. Each free session’s varied activities may include a story, art activity or walk in the garden. Children must be at least 3 and accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration is required; visit www.usbg.gov.



Representatives of the Public Safety Advisory Committee await visitors at the September 17 Safety Expo. From left: Mary Johnson (Greenbelt director of human resources), staff liaison; Mary Thomas and Cynthia Comproni, members; Dr. Laura Kressler, chairperson.



Young and old and their pets gravitate to a Company 35 fire engine. Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad volunteers Adam Anthony-Pyndell (left) and Badara Sey watch as an attendee attempts to climb aboard.

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Why Are College Students Cavity Prone?



Dr. David McCarl, Dr. Clayton McCarl, Dr. Monica Mattson, Dr. Jay McCarl
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College is a time for new experiences, new friends, and unfortunately – new cavities.

A diet high in sugar combined with changes in personal hygiene cause tooth decay and a dramatic increase in dental cavities during college years.

Today’s hectic college lifestyle is filled with fast food, sugar-packed coffees and soft drinks. Even diet sodas increase the likelihood of cavities because bacteria thrive in an acidic environment. Sugar-loving bacteria that are normally present in and around the teeth produce byproducts, which cause breakdown of tooth enamel, resulting in tooth decay and dental cavities.

Symptoms of cavities and tooth decay vary depending on the location and depth. Initially, cavities may not cause symptoms. As tooth decay progresses, it may cause tooth sensitivity or a toothache. A toothache can cause varying degrees of pain when you bite down or when you eat or drink something sweet, hot, or cold. There may be visible holes or pits in your teeth, which can also cause discomfort or pain in your mouth or jaw. A dental cavity will not get better on its own. If you’re experiencing one or more cavity symptoms, it’s time to see a dentist.

When you have a dental cavity, your dentist will remove the bacteria and decay and fill the cavity to restore strength to the tooth. In deep cavities, the nerve of the tooth may also be infected. This requires additional cleaning of the infected nerve called a “root canal.” Luckily, this only occurs in the deepest of cavities. Usually there are warning signs, such as sensitivity to extreme temperatures and to sweet foods.

“Pit and fissure” cavities are the most common type of cavities. Back teeth or molars have natural grooves, fissures and pits on their chewing surface. Toothbrush bristles cannot reach inside deep pits, grooves, or fissures, which allows plaque and tartar to accumulate. During college years, flossing is often ignored, leading to tooth decay and cavities in between

the teeth. Because of their location, cavities between the teeth or “interproximal” cavities are frequently only seen with an x-ray.

Preventing Dental Cavities

The first step in preventing cavities is to maintain good oral hygiene to minimize bacterial colonization. This includes brushing at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste and flossing daily. It is also important to eat well-balanced, nutritious meals with limited snacking. The use of a fluoride rinse also helps strengthen tooth enamel.

Although college schedules are busy, it is very important to maintain regularly scheduled dental visits for teeth cleaning and fluoride treatment.

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the land but leased it to Fisher at \$150 annually per acre.

In order to manage the Parkbelt houses, Fisher developed a limited-corporation he called Parkbelt Homes, Incorporated. The enterprise was designed to be cooperative; home owners would essentially buy shares in Parkbelt, Inc. and make a monthly payment, similar to rent, to pay off the mortgage and take care of interest, taxes, insurance, operating expenses, maintenance, repairs and reserves.

After about 10 years, Parkbelt residents would conceivably own the company that owned their homes.

What did the Parkbelt homes look like? The houses were all identical when built: one-story, flat-roofed houses with copper-bearing steel frames that were bolted to a concrete foundation.

Walls and roofs were made of factory-made insulated panels. These wall panels, designed by Howard Fisher, were composed of fireproof, weather-resisting asbestos cement with a vapor-sealed blanket-type insulation that insured against moisture seepage and were designed to keep the house warmer in winter and cooler in summer. Windows were steel-sash casements arranged on the facades to allow for as much light and cross-ventilation as possible.

Five Rooms

The houses all had five rooms with a compact and organized arrangement: living room, dining room, “all-electric” kitchen, two bedrooms, one full bath and a utility room with space for laundry and storage. While all houses had the same floor plan, the plans were flipped so the houses were not identical.

The floor plan veered away from a traditional 19th century organization of domestic space. Instead they embraced a less formal layout, reflecting new ideas about informal, family-oriented lifestyles.

The Parkbelt homes were prefabricated, meaning they were assembled on site with pre-constructed parts, rather than from scratch with conventional building materials. In the early 20th century, prefabricated housing was an exciting new building trend as newer building materials became available and homes could be built in a mass-production technique improving quality, affordability and accessibility in the housing market.

Sears Roebuck popularized a wooden prefabricated housing system that was immensely popular. The 1933 Chicago World’s Fair also popularized prefabricated housing for the masses and Howard Fisher had had a model house in the “Homes of Tomorrow” exhibit, a pre-cursor to the Parkbelt homes.

New Residents

Construction began in December 1937 and residents began moving in to their “streamlined” homes in April 1938. Tenants for Parkbelt were chosen from the same selection list used for greater Greenbelt, though they came from a higher salary range – \$3,000 per year versus the \$800 to \$2,200 range for those living in the federal project. Fisher intended to attract those more interested in home ownership.

Residents of Parkbelt were subject to the town rules, ordinances and civil government but



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Wall panels of a fireproof, weather-resisting asbestos cement are put in place on one of the 10 Parkbelt homes on Forest Way in 1938.

were not subject to the many restrictions placed on those living in the federal project. Greenbelt resident Harry Falls was hired by Fisher to manage and maintain the 10 Parkbelt homes; according to Falls, “[s]ince they were experimental houses, the developer wanted someone to keep daily records of the operation and see that repairs were made when necessary.”

Despite the best intentions of Howard Fisher (and his brother, Arthur, who was treasurer for Parkbelt Homes, Inc.), the Parkbelt project was not a success. Two primary reasons accounted for this failure: maintenance of the flat roofs and plumbing and electrical issues plagued the residents.

But the primary reason for the project’s failure was economics. Fisher became embroiled in a lawsuit with the federal government over fees he was required to pay for valuation of the Parkbelt land. The federal government paid fees to local municipalities in lieu of taxes for lands removed from local tax rolls.

In his lease agreement with the government, Fisher agreed to pay a certain percentage of these fees for the Parkbelt land – a percentage based on a valuation of the Greenbelt project weighed against the valuation of the Parkbelt project. Fisher, however, never paid these fees because he felt they were a burden. He argued that the Greenbelt project was undervalued in the calculations, resulting in a higher fee for Fisher. Lawsuits ensued, resulting in a judgment of \$7,910.59 (plus 6% interest) against Fisher. Realizing now that he would never make Parkbelt a financial success, he began the process of selling off the property.

Fisher had purchased the Parkbelt land from the government in 1949, then sold both the land and the homes to their owners. Land parcels were sold for \$10 each and the homes for \$7,500.

Privately Owned

All 10 Parkbelt homes have remained in private ownership and the federal government ended its role in assisting private enterprise with the growth of Greenbelt.

Though the Parkbelt homes represent a private effort at expansion in Greenbelt, the federal government had been experimenting with other housing styles and methods while building the original community. The government built five prefabricated units on Woodland Way in 1937, as a demonstration of economical construction.

While sometimes mistaken as Parkbelt homes, these five RA prefabricated homes are different from Parkbelt, being built of plywood with a traditional sloping roof. These homes remained part of the federal project and became a part of the cooperative when the community was sold in 1956. Today they are still part of GHI.

Undoubtedly when they were built, the Parkbelt homes were stylish and modern, featuring the latest in building materials and technology. Their design would have fit in with the international homes in the community and the Streamlined Modern style of the commercial center.

Today, they have been modified to suit modern tastes. But underneath the siding and gabled roofs, the original Parkbelt homes still stand, a part of early Greenbelt history.

Arboretum Exhibits Living Power Plants

During October from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, the U.S. National Arboretum will present “Power Plants,” a free educational exhibit that showcases living plants and tells how plants can serve as sustainable agriculture-based energy sources. A scavenger hunt activity, available at the information desk, will help school-age children explore the exhibit.



We were saddened to hear of the death of Sidney Bronstein, of Ridge Road, on October 3, 2011. He died peacefully in the company of his wife, daughter and grandson two days shy of his 100th birthday.

Condolences to Katrina Boverman on the death of her mom, Margaret (“Peg”) Boverman of Silver Spring, on September 29, 2011.

Sympathy also to the Wildoner and Hand families on the death of longtime Greenbelter Alfred Wildoner, 81, on September 28, 2011. For many years Al was active in American Legion Post 136, often serving as doorman.

We were sorry to hear of the death on September 5 of Helene DeGagne Slaughter of Front Royal, Va., and extend sympathy to her husband Leo Slaughter

and his children, as well as Leo’s sister Joanne Kellaher and her family. The Slaughters and the Kellahers were both Greenbelt pioneer families.

Congratulations to Dr. Allan Chotiner and his wife Ann on their 70th wedding anniversary, October 3. Dr. Chotiner was the first principal of High Point High School. Now in College Park, the couple lived in Greenbelt early in their marriage.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

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EARLY VOTING: This is the second municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING. The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in City elections.

EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse, 6915 Hanover Parkway
Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and
Sunday, October 23rd, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane
Saturday, October 29th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and
Sunday, October 30th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road
Mondays – Fridays
October 24th – November 4th, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesdays until 8:00 pm

ABSENTEE VOTING: Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you will be absent from your polling place on Election Day.

An ABSENTEE BALLOT may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk’s office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov, or 3) print from the City’s Web site at <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov>; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 7, 2011. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 8, 2011. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 19.

Return your executed absentee ballot in time to arrive by 6:00 p.m. on November 8th by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk’s office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Questions? Call Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or email cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov.

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Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) for nine years, chairing the committee for six years until she was elected to council in 2009. During her tenure leading PSAC, the city saw real improvements in safety including the upgrade of security cameras at Roosevelt Center and their installation on the Spellman Overpass, as well as emergency call boxes on Metro Drive and in the Springhill Lake area. Pope has continued to be a strong supporter of our police department and places a strong emphasis on public safety initiatives.

Even before earning U.S. citizenship in 2006, she had been very active in the American Legion Auxiliary where she was president for two years. She continues to be active in fundraising for groups including the American Legion Auxiliary and St. Hugh's Church. A member of St. Hugh of Grenoble church since 2000, she has been involved in the Texas BBQ, Shrimp Feast and Oktoberfest events. She has also served as president of the Belle Point Homeowners' Association (HOA) since 2006, where her family now resides.

In her HOA position, she has ensured the efficient operation of the HOA, made every effort to ensure that HOA standards and Greenbelt laws are adhered to and enhanced property values through cost-effective maintenance of the common areas and the founding of the Belle Point Landscaping Committee, which has planted more than 25 sizeable trees over the past several years.

Pope has uplifted and empowered many underprivileged children including those learning English as a second language at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) from 2001-2007, at GMS and Magnolia Elementary School as a Parent Liaison from 2007-2009 and most recently as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Employed in local schools since 2001, she has been able to enhance the lives of youth across Greenbelt.

When still in Germany, Pope worked in the field of international business relations where her bilingual ability and organizational skills were critical. Attuned to cross-cultural issues, Pope has long practiced effective communication across all kinds of demographic boundaries. Her prior professional experience includes positions of responsibility within large international institutions focused on finance and account services.

Since being elected to council in 2009, she has served on several committees including the Maryland Municipal League Convention Planning Committee and the Small Cities Council Steering Committee and Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee for the National League of Cities. She is the liaison to the City of Greenbelt's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and most recently has earned a fellowship from the Academy for Excel-

lence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland. This fellowship provides Pope with a more thorough understanding of how local municipalities function and a strong understanding of governmental policy and ethics.

Raised in a small German town, Pope brings to Greenbelt familiar small-town values of community with the professional and social experience that comes from living and working in diverse cultures. Her natural tendency is one of engagement and activity in the community, taking on numerous volunteer roles and accruing accomplishments in Greenbelt over the past decade, many even before becoming a US citizen. By confronting the realities of modern Greenbelt, embracing young people and seeking to improve the quality of life for all, Pope shows a long track record that continues to make Greenbelt proud.

Herling

First elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 2003, Konrad Herling – a lifelong Greenbelt resident – is running for a fifth term to continue unifying and bettering Greenbelt. His motivation to strengthen this community inspires his achievements as a council member and civic-minded volunteer. On council, he has focused on improving transit and exploring and ultimately implementing an economic development strategy which would, coordinate grants and marketing and reach out to the business community to secure additional revenue in a challenging fiscal climate.

Herling has served as council liaison to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, the Arts Advisory Board and the Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES). He secured a \$20,000 Council of Governments (COG) grant to engage a professional planner for a public charrette on transportation. A strong supporter of Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G), he worked with its members, Metro officials and representatives of Prince Georges County's Department of Transportation to improve Greenbelt's bus service.

As council's liaison to the GreenACES, Herling assisted in developing a sustainability plan that recognizes the need throughout the city for improved biking, pedestrian and bus access. He has advocated that Greenway Center work with WMATA and the county to improve safe access to and from the adjacent bus shelters. Herling, who in his campaign of 1989 proposed that the city establish a planning department (the city did create a Planning and Community Development Department the following year) has also pressed for traffic circles, improved lighting and safe pedestrian underpasses in new developments. Herling has participated in and led numerous charrettes, including the 2006 Greenbelt West Charrette and the city's 2008 visioning process.



Konrad Herling

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Herling seeks to improve culture, education and civic engagement. In 2006 he inaugurated a volunteer-led international cultural festival and long advocated for the new resident welcome program that council approved in 2009. He supported construction of the new Greenbelt Middle School. He has worked to increase participation in the electoral process and voted to expand the number of council seats from five to seven.

Herling has chaired the Four Cities Coalition on homelessness and served on COG's Washington Area Housing Partnership Board of Directors. Additionally, he serves on the Envision Prince George's Executive Committee, the Prince George's County Arts & Humanities Council, the Prince George's County Municipal Association, as well as Maryland Municipal League and National League of Cities committees.

The founder of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center in 1979 and a former member of the Community Relations Advisory Board, Herling is perhaps proudest of participating in writing the Community Pledge, which urges all Greenbelters to treat each other with respect and to celebrate diversity and inclusion. For his community service, he was honored to be named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in 2001.

Herling, who has lived in GHI and Franklin Park (Springhill Lake, 1979-1984), received his undergraduate degree from Towson University and has worked as a legal analyst for the Federal Communications Commission for 34 years.

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the Greenbelt Metro Station? If so, what changes might you be amenable to?

Question 2. (Due October 16 for the October 20 issue) If you received the greatest number of votes for election to council would you accept election by council to the office of mayor and, if so, what would you perceive your role to be in that office?

Question 3. (Due October 23 for the October 27 issue) In view of new information that the Prince George's County Board of Education will not surplus the old Greenbelt Middle School building for city acquisition but only make portions of the old building available for leasing at a nominal fee and providing only limited funds for building improvements, should the city continue to pursue use of the building as a city community center?

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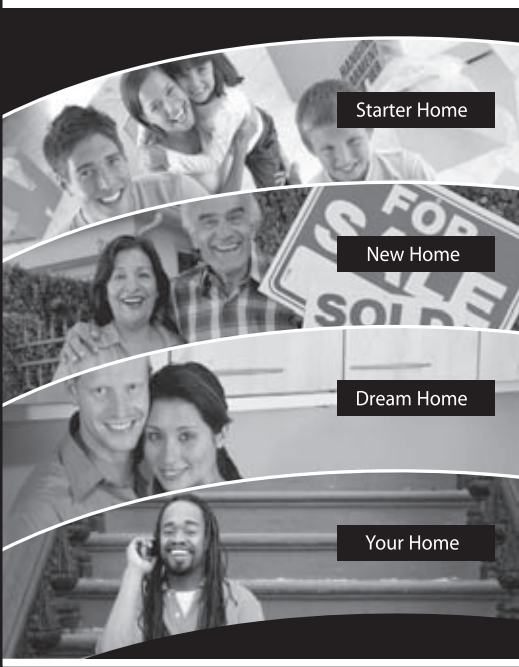
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A Cooperative History Lesson

by Leta Mach

October is Co-op Month, a time to recognize the contributions of these member-owned and controlled businesses. As this year’s theme notes, “Cooperative enterprises build a better world.” Cooperatives build a better world by providing their member/owners a variety of services. The key attribute of the cooperative business is the ownership and democratic control by the members.

Cooperatives fall into four categories: consumer, producer, worker and purchasing/shared services. No matter how they are organized, they operate as cooperatives under bylaws and the universally recognized cooperative principles.

Rather than provide income for investors, cooperatives are local businesses that exist to meet their members’ needs. Many well-known brands are co-op brands: Ocean Spray, Blue Diamond, ACE Hardware, Best Western Hotels, Carpet One and Sunkist. Their members, individual Main Street store-owners or farmers invest in the business to provide a service that brings their product to market or provides promotion of their products. They democratically elect a board of directors and share in any patronage refunds.

Early Cooperatives

Cooperatives in the United States can trace their informal beginnings to the Mayflower Compact. Arriving in America in 1620, the Pilgrims realized that they must help each other in order to survive. Mutual help included fishing, building and maintaining homes, and helping with the agricultural harvest.

In 1736 Benjamin Franklin and four friends established the Union Fire Company, the first successful cooperative in the U.S. The company became both a model for volunteer fire companies all across America and for cooperatives as well. In addition to organizing to put out fires, Franklin suggested that members would contribute to an insurance fund to use when losses were suffered. Thus the Philadelphia Contributionship for the Preservation of Houses from Loss by Fire was formed on March 25, 1752. It is still in operation.

Rochdale Pioneers

The first successful modern cooperative was organized in reaction to the Industrial Revolution. While the factory system, machinery and new inventions increased the production of goods;

ICA Statement on the Cooperative Identity

Definition

A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.

Values

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

Principles

Cooperatives are guided by seven principles, guidelines by which they put their values into practice.

- Voluntary and Open Membership
- Democratic Member Control
- Member Economic Participation
- Autonomy and Independence
- Education, Training, and Information
- Cooperation among Cooperatives
- Concern for Community

the growth of factories brought people to cities and towns where it could be a struggle to survive. The economic and social conditions for the workers of Rochdale, like most of the working class during the Industrial Revolution, were dire. The pioneers of Rochdale were looking for a way to make their meager earnings go farther after their request for a raise was denied. They pooled their resources and opened a consumer cooperative store December 21, 1844, selling flour, sugar, butter, oatmeal and candles.

Cooperative Principles

The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) was founded in 1895 in London, England. ICA is an independent, non-governmental association that unites, represents and serves cooperatives worldwide. ICA works to promote and defend cooperative identity and ensure that co-ops are a recognized form of enterprise that is able to compete in the marketplace. ICA collects cooperative statistics and has reviewed and revised the cooperative principles from time to time.

A Review

One Woman Play – Cry of the Mountain

by Marat Moore

Twelve voices, one performer, one hour – Adelind Horan gave a powerful, nuanced portrayal of people in Appalachia who live with mountaintop removal in an Artful Afternoon performance at the Greenbelt Community Center on October 2. Horan’s documentary play, “Cry of the Mountain,” was backed by the sweet, melancholy notes of banjo picker Bud Branch.

Produced by Whole Theatre of Charlottesville, Va., the play was staged at the 2011 Capital Fringe Festival and the cast just returned from performing at the world’s largest theater festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Horan showed an impressive dramatic range for an actor just a few years out of college. “Cry” developed from her senior thesis at Hampshire College, and is based on interviews she videotaped in West Virginia and Kentucky during a summer of volunteer work. Her characters’ short monologues are verbatim excerpts from the interviews, some of which required hours of taping.

The use by coal companies of mountaintop removal (MTR), which blows up mountains and has destroyed nearly two million acres of forested land, is a bitterly divisive issue in central Appalachia. By including diverse perspectives – of miners, environmentalists, coal executives, scientists, activists and mountaineers – Horan sought to broaden awareness of the issue.

The set was simple – a small raised platform, wooden stool, shaded pole lamp, small table laid with costume changes and Branch on the banjo. But Horan’s performance was a moveable feast, with seamless onstage changes of ball caps, eyeglasses, shirts, blouses, jackets, ties, hairstyles, verbal tics, facial expressions, body stances, gestures and speech.

The play’s power came from the people it’s based on. Like Vernon Haltom, a mountaineer-activist who says mountaintop removal is “like going to a barber to get a trim and he cuts off your head and shoulders.”

Or the CEO of Lexington Coal Company, whose character observes that people “support the environment as long as it doesn’t inconvenience them.”

Or writer and activist Jeff Biggers, who believes that “you can’t understand American until you understand Appalachia” and the tie between the destruction of the land and the people it supports.

Or the young woman who went with a friend to Kayford Mountain to witness the massive blasts, but couldn’t watch. When she did look, she felt physical pain.

Or the industry official, a third-generation miner, who said if his son had to choose between picking up a gun to go to war for oil or working at an MTR mine, “I’d rather he mine coal.” He added, “I’m in favor of renewables, but we can’t just turn the switch and make it happen.”

The audience – young and old – was drawn into Horan’s spell, but it didn’t hurt when her characters reached out directly. The character of a young activist handed out protest signs, dust masks and a mutilated doll to represent health effects of MTR; a female professor gave the audi-

ence a huge platter of sugar and chocolate chip cookies – “But don’t be a little piggy!” she said, wagging her finger.

Horan’s most moving portrayals came from miner Ed Wiley and Larry Gibson, whose roots on Kayford Mountain go back to the late 1700s.

When Wiley’s granddaughter got sick at school, he found out that many other children went home sick at the same time. His granddaughter was exhausted and had swollen glands and big purple splotches on her face.

“I blamed myself. I worked for the mine behind that school and never thought about water quality” when the company buried mine waste in the ground.

“The tears were rolling down her face. She said, ‘Gramps, those coal mines are making us sick.’ Her tears woke me up.”

Gibson’s character closed the show and the lights dimmed to the lamp onstage. He talked in slow, sonorous speech about his family’s 235 years on Kayford Mountain. His neighbors and his family cemetery are gone because



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Adelind Horan performs the monologue of miner Ed Wiley, one of the 12 real-life characters depicted in “Cry of the Mountain,” a highlight of Artful Afternoon activities on Oct. 2.

of the mine, but he hangs on. “My mother gave me birth, but the land gave me life. You can almost hear the land breathing. I often thought that if you could hear the cry of a mountain as it’s being destroyed, what sound would it make?”

“The worst thing I ever heard was a bear dying, the sound of its life leaving. Worse than that is the mountain, exploding.”

New Information on GMS Takes City Council Aback

by Thomas X. White

At its October 3 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council learned for the first time that the Prince George’s County Board of Education did not plan to declare the old Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) building as surplus and available for possible acquisition by the city. Instead the board would consider leasing the property at a nominal fee.

This was the first open meeting of council on the Greenbelt Middle School topic since its July 25 worksession where council agreed that a letter be sent to county schools Superintendent William Hite, expressing the city’s interest in acquiring a portion of the middle school and requesting more time to consider all the options and to better understand the issues involved (GNR Issue July 28, 2011). In response to that letter council scheduled a meeting with PGCPs officials on August 29 but at the last minute, based on advice of the City Solicitor Robert Manzi, council requested that the school officials not attend. Council then met that evening in executive session, “to discuss possible acquisition of portions of the Greenbelt Middle School.”

Monday’s meeting opened with a general discussion and review of the several questions posed in the aforementioned letter to Hite and an August 29 response from Paul Taylor, director of capital programs for the school system. Following a fairly extensive exchange between members of council and Taylor that, for the most part, focused on potential renovations that might be considered once the school was vacant, Mayor Judith Davis invited participation from

Greenbelt residents attending the meeting. Molly Lester was the first to speak and she provided information to council totally at odds with the premises that council had been using as a basis for considering acquisition of the school building. Lester told council that her information received from Dr. Hite’s office was that, “. . . the default disposition of the existing Greenbelt Middle School is that it will remain in the school district’s inventory once it is vacated. The school district would of course actively seek alternate uses of the facility once it is vacated. In that event, we would renovate the building with allocated funds within the district’s budget. In the event that Prince George’s County Public Schools administration recommends and the Board of Education approves of the building being surplus (to the county) then the new owner would be responsible for the renovations.”

Taylor confirmed the accuracy of the information provided by Lester. Members of council and of the city’s GMS Task Force were visibly taken aback with the revelation and, in the final analysis, thanked Lester for providing it.

Council spent the remaining time coming to agreement that a public meeting would be scheduled for October 13 with an agenda focused on the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force and its recommendations regarding which rooms could be considered as candidates for community uses. Greenbelt and other citizens could comment on or propose other recommended uses for the school facility that could be recommended by the City of Greenbelt.

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